चुना गया था । इस संबंध में ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :–

(लाख रुपयों में)

स्टेशन	लागत
ग्वालियर	331.43
भोपाल	211.99
जबलपुर	120.92
बिलासपुर	108.85
रायपुर	65.97
इदौर	63.79
दुर्ग	75.38

उपरोक्त सभी स्टेशनों पर कार्य पूरा हो चुका है और "आदर्श स्टेशन" योजना बन्द कर दी गई है ।

(ग) निजामुद्दीन–बेंगलूर और निजामुद्दीन–मद्रास साप्ताहिक राजधानी एक्सप्रेस, जो कि ग्वालियर में ठहरती है, को छोड़कर इन स्टेशनों से होकर चलने वाली सभी गाड़ियां इन स्टेशनों पर ठहरती हैं ।

Classification of superfast and passenger trains

5756. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has directed Indian Railways to revise certain adopted norms for classifying superfast and passenger trains:

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the zonewise and divisionwise criteria adopted for classifying Superfast and passenger trains; and

(d) the details of new criteria adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission had directed the Railway Board 'to lay down fresh guidelines fixing criteria' for superfast trains.

(b) The Railways have laid down the criterion of average speed of 55 KMPH for BG trains and 45 KMPH for MG trains to categories superfast trains. Railways' stand in this regard has since been explained to the Commission.

(c) and (d) The criterion for classification of superfast trains is uniformly applicable to entire Indian Railways irrespective of Zones and Divisions. Some trains, however qualifying the certerion for superfast trains, have been exempted from the levy of supplementary charge on superfast trains in consideration of the fact that such trains were plying over short distance and carrying mostly the daily commuters.

Transportation of text-books and printed text materials

5757. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the past the rate of transportation of text-books and other printed text-materials had been reduced so that the students and other readers could get books at the cheaper rates;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for increase in the transportation rates of the same; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to withdraw the increase in the rate of the same together with the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Prior to 1-4-92 books (including text books) were charged at Concessional Parcel (CP-

2) scale of rates. Text books were charged at CP-2 scale rate less 10%. In view of the pressing need for generation of internal resources, and to meet the increased cost of inputs, the classification of commodities booked as parcels was rationalised and the commodities which were earlier charged at Concessional Parcel (CP-2) scale of rate was enhanced. The classification of books was enhanced to that of General Parcel (GPA) scale of rate from 1-4-92. Since the text books are used in the literacy drive, the classification of text books has been kept at Concessional Parcel (CP-1) scale of rate which is 20% below General Parcel (GPA) scale rate. No increase in parcel rates has been made during 1994-95.

Denial of supply of coal to foreign power companies by railways

5758. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways have rejected priority to foreign power companies while supplying coal for thermal power plants;

(b) if so, whether the railways have also rejected the multinational company's demand for 'punitive action' in the event of failure to stick to delivery schedule;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for rejecting the demand of the multinational companies;

(d) whether any alternative has been found out by the Railway Ministry;

(e) whether power department has also circulated a draft contract with punitive clause for the consideration of the railways: and

(f) if so, what are the other alternatives/measures being suggested by the coal department to the multinational companies for coal supply

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (f) A draft contract between the Indian Railways, Ministry of coal and the companies intending to set up coal based thermal power stations in India has been received from the Ministry of Power. The contract is under examination. The question of rejecting the demand of foreign power companies therefore does not arise.

Development of Railway network in Gujarat

5759. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of expansion and development of railway network in Gujarat targetted during 1993-94 and the porgress made so far; and

(b) what targets have been fixed for the above purpose in the State during the year 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Conversion of Phulera—Marwar—Ahmedabad (572 kms. out of which 142 kms. are in Gujarat), which is a part of Delhi—Ahmedabad M.G. trunk route, was included in the Railway Budget for 1993-94. Work is making steady progress and conversion of Phulera—Marwar portion is targetted for completion during 1994-95.

Setting up of ancillary units around Railway workshops in Bhopal

5760. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Central Government have decided to set up 87